# 9626. Cucurbita melanosperma.

Squash.

From San Antonio, Malta. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1159, December 27, 1902), May 6, 1903.

"Dr. Giovanni Borg, director of the gardens at San Antonio, called our attention to this squash as the best one for soups and as a vegetable which he had ever tested on the island. The plant also grows luxuriantly in Madeira, where it is highly prized as a vegetable. Doctor Grabham, of Funchal, remarked that it formed one of the principal foods of the native poor people. It should be given a good test by seedsmen." -(Fairchild.)

# **9627**. Lupinus albus (?).

From Tripoli or Tunis. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1160, December 1902), May 6, 1903.

"A few peculiar lupines picked up either in Tunis or Tripoli. They may be of interest to those experimenting with this plant as a green manure crop." (Fairchild.)

## 9628 to 9631.

Ornamentals.

From Cape Town, South Africa. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (Nos. 1162 to 1165, March 16, 1903), May 6, 1903.

Seed of several ornamentals presented by Mr. H. J. Chalvin, superintendent of the municipal gardens at Cape Town, as follows:

9628. Cotyledox sp.

9630. Gasteria croucherl.

Various species. Mixed seed. (No. 1162.)

(No. 1164.) 9631. Moraea pavonia.

9629. Asparagus plumosus.

(No. 1165.)

(No. 1163.)

## 9632 and 9633.

From Port Elizabeth district, South Africa. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, May 6, 1903.

9632. Euphorbia coronata.

A few seeds.

9633. Leucadendron argenteum.

Silver tree.

"Planted in a pot closely and allowed to grow up thickly, the silver tree is said to form a very pretty pot plant. Difficult to transplant." (Fairchild.)

## 9634. Ananas sativus.

Pineapple.

From Trapps Valley, South Africa. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1156, March 16, 1903), May 15, 1903.

Natal. "These are probably in no way different from No. 9606, and were intended to be shipped with them, but arrived too late. Secured through the kindness of Prof. C. P. Lounsbury, entomologist of the Cape department of agriculture, from a plantation near Trapps Valley.

#### 9635 to 9660. Gossypium Barbadense. Egyptian cotton.

From Egypt. Received through Mr. Thomas H. Kearney, May 16, 1903.

9635.

Extra Fine Mit Afifi. Purchased from Robin Carver, Kafr-el-Zayat.

9636.

Ashmuni. Purchased from Carver Brothers & Co., Beni-Suef.